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BLM Announces Exclusive and One-Way Use During Annual Moab Jeep Safari Event

Moab, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Moab Field Office announces the continuation of exclusive use and one-way travel on vehicle routes during the 2015 annual Moab Jeep Safari. Ten popular vehicle routes used during the nine-day organized group event are affected.

On seven of the routes (Behind the Rocks, Cliff Hanger, Gold Bar Rim, Golden Spike, Moab Rim, Poison Spider Mesa, and Pritchett Canyon), motorized users holding a special recreation permit from the BLM (including participants in the Moab Jeep Safari) are granted exclusive use of the route while a Jeep Safari trip is occurring. These exclusive use trips are prescheduled only for certain days of the event in order to minimize impacts to other recreationists. On the remaining three routes (Hell's Revenge, Kane Creek Canyon and Steel Bender), travel will be one way for the entire nine-day duration of the Moab Jeep Safari. The one-way travel is a safety measure that also reduces the chances of trail widening and lessens the sense of crowding during the event, as all vehicles are going the same direction.

The restriction and one-way travel order, as well as a chart showing which routes are restricted on which days, is posted online at: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab.html>

The exclusive use and one-way travel have been in place for this event since 2006 and are necessary to protect public resources and provide an enhanced recreation experience for event participants. The restriction will affect less than 50 miles of the 3,693 miles of designated motorized routes in the Moab Field Office. For 2015, the Jeep Safari event will be held March 28-April 5.

“The exclusive use and one-way travel is a safety measure that also helps protect resources by reducing trail widening, and provides a less crowded experience during a time of heavy use,” said Acting Field Office Manager Walter Birkenheier.

Questions may be directed to Katie Stevens at (435)259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above

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